The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate. By providing scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, the Goldwater Foundation is helping ensure that the U.S. is producing the number of highly-qualified professionals the Nation needs in these critical fields. Over its 30-year history, Goldwater Scholarships have been awarded to thousands of undergraduates, many of whom have gone on to win other prestigious awards like the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Fellowship, Rhodes Scholarship, Churchill Scholarship and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship that support our Scholars’ graduate school work.

Official Website: [https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/](https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/)

Nomination Process

Cal Poly may nominate up to four (4) students for the Goldwater Scholarship. Application is open to any qualified student. The scholarship program’s Campus Representative (CR) will administer and internal review of student applications to determine which students are nominated. Important dates in the process are noted below:

Now: Scholarship materials and instructions are available via the official website. Interested students should review the scholarship eligibility requirements. Qualified students may submit pre-application materials electronically via the website. The CR will review pre-applications and determine scholarship eligibility. If accepted, students will then be given instructions and access to the full Goldwater application.

November 22, 2019: Deadline for full applications from qualified students. This is an internal deadline for Cal Poly. Cal Poly applications are reviewed to determine which four (4) applicants are selected to represent the university in the nationwide scholarship competition.

January 10, 2020: Internal Cal Poly application review is completed. Top four (4) scholarship candidates are notified. These candidates will then be asked to finalize their applications.

January 24, 2020: Finalized applications for top four candidates are due, including all letters of recommendation.

January 31, 2020: The Campus Representative finalizes Cal Poly’s submissions and confirms submission of nominations.

Cal Poly Campus Representative: Professor Gregg Fiegel, University Honors Program